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Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Recorded by Kathryn Grover & Neil Larson
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Organization Eastham Historical Commission

Date (month / year) August 2005

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

Town EASTHAM

Place (neighborhood or village)

Eastham Center

Address 705 Doane Road

Historic Name Doane – Duncan House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c. 1830; 1917

Source Deed & map history records; owner's account

Style/Form Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder Harvey Moore, builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation concrete block

Wall/Trim wood clapboard; wood shingle

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures none

Major Alterations (with dates)

None since c. 1917

Condition excellent

Moved ☐ no ☒ yes **Date** possibly 1917
(19th-century portion house moved or raised on concrete block foundation)

Acreage 5.50 acres

Setting The house is sited on land north of Doane Road and is oriented south towards Nauset Bay, although the wooded site now obscures any potential views

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The house located at 705 Doane Road has two distinctive sections: one is an early 19th-century farmhouse that appears to have been on the site, and the other is an L-shaped 20th-century addition that became the front of the house facing towards the south and Nauset Bay. The older section may be what remains of a Doane family house that was present in the vicinity, although there is insufficient physical and documentary evidence to associate it with this precise location. The 1 ½-story wood frame dwelling with its principal entrance on its south gable end sits on a concrete block basement built c. 1917, which confounds the integrity of the site. The basement could have been dug under the existing house, a practice not uncommon in Eastham where many dwellings were constructed on wood piers or shallow masonry foundations in the sandy soil. Or the house could have been moved from another location ten feet or ten miles away on a basement prepared for it. Houses were frequently moved during the late 19th and early 20th century as the scarcity of building materials and, later, antiquarianism encouraged the relocation and reuse of existing buildings. Nevertheless, the house is an authentic historic building with hewn and joined framing members, wood flooring, and a gabled façade and entrance decoration in the Greek Revival style of the 1830s and 1840s. Historic photographs in the possession of the owner depict the house in the early 20th century with the same form and with a rear kitchen ell, of which a portion still survives as the connector to the c. 1917 section of the house. Chimneys are in similar locations, although they have since been rebuilt and enlarged. Dormers have been raised on the roof. The interior no longer reflects the historic room pattern or wall finishes.

Maps filed with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in 1922 when the present lot and others were being created as part of a subdivision of a larger property contain a footprint of the house identical to that which presently exists documenting that the addition had been made by this time. Albert Greene Duncan of Brookline purchased the property containing the house in 1920 from Edwin E. Phillips, a land speculator and real estate developer residing in Provincetown. Builder's graffiti dated 1917 on the rear of wall paneling in the living room of the addition suggests that the house was in place in its present configuration prior to Phillips's purchase. Both Phillips and Duncan were speculators who assembled and subdivided land along Doane Road, and neither is considered to have resided in Eastham. Yet, if Phillips did not renovate the farmhouse for himself, it may have been for or by a tenant.

The low, one-story addition is attached to the south end of the farmhouse and part of the original kitchen wing (that part containing the cooking hearth and chimney) was removed in the process. It has a gable roof and wood clapboard siding. The old kitchen intersects with the portion of a perpendicular, gable roof wing that contains the present kitchen. A large cross gable section is appended to the east end of the kitchen to complete the second leg of the L-shaped addition. This section contains a large living room where the dated wood paneling was installed and a square picture window in the south end would have once provided a view of Nauset Bay. Its roof of this section is taller than that on the kitchen, and it flares out on the west side to shelter a large screened porch where the main entrance was relocated. There was a 22-by-27-foot garage containing areas for a coal bin and storage attached to the west end of the kitchen ell, but that was removed in 1947 and replaced with a one-car garage was built with a smaller footprint. In typical Eastham fashion, the old garage was moved across Doane Road and reused in a house then being constructed.

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The house at Doane Road is an amalgam of two houses. The earlier part, which faces north and therefore away from the road, may date to about 1840. The later part was added in 1917. Maps place the house on the lot in 1920. Because title to the property was disputed in the 1920s, the house's history cannot be firmly established before that date. Though the older part may have been moved to the site, it is also possible that it was one of the homesteads of the Freeman Doane family, probably either that of Freeman Doane Jr. (1807-77) or his brother Isaac Doane (1805-84).

As of December 1920, the house at 705 Doane Road, for the most part sited as it currently stands, is shown as one of only three dwellings on a vast parcel of land claimed by Albert Greene Duncan, an affluent cotton manufacturer from Brookline, Massachusetts. The acreage for this parcel is never specified in any document, but it stretched in a northwesterly direction from the Atlantic Ocean to a pond (then and now unnamed) and the land of one C. Chase (possibly Charles W. Chase, an asparagus farmer in Eastham as of 1920) on the west and from Nauset Bay on the south to current and former lands of the Eastham Land Company, formed in 1873, on the north. On the southwest were other Eastham Land Company lands and the property of the American Impressionist landscape artist Dwight Blaney of Boston, whose primary summer residence was on Great Pond in the western part of Eastham; an avid waterfowl hunter, Blaney had a gunning stand on this property extending north from Nauset Bay.¹ The map indicates that Eastham Land Company land to the north, southwest, and east was now or formerly "supposedly" in the company's possession.²

The title issue involving what is now 705 Doane Road began on 18 August 1922, when Albert Green Duncan filed a petition in Massachusetts Land Court to have his title confirmed to this large tract. Excepted from Duncan's claim were four parcels—a cranberry bog that belonged to Alford Reed, land and a house owned by the trustees of the estate of Eliot N. Jones, land and another house belonging to James J. Brown et al., and the lifesaving station on the shore that belonged to the federal government. The petition was submitted with a map in two sheets that showed the land to

¹ See "Plan of Land in Eastham December 1920," Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Land Plan Book 8:11 (hereafter cited as BCP). Though this plan is not identified with Duncan, its boundaries are the same as the land shown on "Plan of Land in Eastham Dec. 1920," 8939A, sheets 1 and 2, filed with Certificate 1421, Barnstable County Land Court.

² Like resort developments on the inner Cape, Eastham Land Company's efforts were probably stimulated by the arrival of the Old Colony Railroad in Eastham in 1870. The company laid out ten subdivisions east of the rail tracks in 1873 and 1874, and at least three of them were later developed at least in part. Sections 2, 4 (1873), and 6 (1874) are the ones closest to 705 Doane Road and those bordering the land to which Duncan laid claim in his 1922 Land Court petition. Although lots were sold in these subdivisions—including to Duncan and Bushnell—these three were never developed. Featuring 316 lots, Section 4 was the largest proposed subdivision. What is now Ocean View Drive apparently through it, and it bordered the ocean. Section 2, with 30 lots, had Little Creek Road as its eastern border, Dwight Blaney's land on the south, and Doane Road running through it; on the north it ran to the intersection of Doane and Little Creek Road. Sections 1-4 are shown on "Plan of Seashore Lots Belonging to Eastham Land Company, ca. 1873," Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 145:11 (hereafter cited as BCP). Section 6 bordered the ocean a fair distance south of Section 4, and, according to a plan of December 1920, bordered on the southwest a small section of Doane Road. See "Eastham Land Co's Land Section No. 6," BCP 25:21. While plans of all ten subdivisions are on file at the Barnstable County Registry, none of them are attributed or are accompanied by or refer to deeds that identify the founders of Eastham Land Company. The grantor/grantee indexes at Barnstable County Registry of Deeds contain no other references to the company.

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which Duncan asserted title, divided into seven parcels.³

The contested title involved what the map identifies as Parcel A, which lay immediately west of 705 Doane Road and on the same, or north, side of what the map labels as “town road” (now Doane Road). On 19 November 1926 the land court issued two decrees, one in favor of Frederick N. Bushnell, a mechanical engineer who, like Duncan, lived in Brookline and probably knew him there, and one in favor of Duncan.⁴ Land Court documents specifically indicate that Duncan was the rightful owner of every parcel to which he claimed title except Lot A. Bushnell, the court ruled, had legal right to that latter parcel.⁵

Parcel B, on which the 705 Doane Road property was a part, was the westernmost of the parcels. The Land Court maps show it bounded on the west by Chase’s land and the pond; on the north, east, and southwest by the land of George Halliday Chapin Jr.; and on the south by Doane Road. A small, triangular section of Dwight Blaney’s land crossed Doane Road and bordered Parcel B on the southwest as well. That all of Duncan’s properties and the Bushnell parcel may at earlier points have been owned by Edwin E. Phillips, George H. Chapin Jr., and Lydia and Sarah P. Doane is intimated by 1926 Land Court documents, which make reference to stipulations and easements these three had granted in earlier deeds.

The Land Court case over Parcel B appears also to have involved Chapin, a real estate broker from Hingham, Massachusetts. On 19 November 1926, the same day as the decrees regarding Bushnell and Duncan, the Land Court reiterated its decision that Duncan owned all of the parcels in question and registered a ruling “according to the terms of a stipulation” between Duncan and George H. Chapin et al. A few months earlier Chapin, his wife Mary, and Edna E. Anderson of Woburn granted to Duncan all of their interest in the parcels described in Duncan’s 1922 petition.⁶

³ Notice: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Land Court, Albert Greene Duncan, 18 August 1922, Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Book 439 page 49 (hereafter cited as BCD). See “Plan of Land in Eastham Dec. 20,” Certificate of Title 1421 as 8939-A, sheets 1 and 2, Barnstable County Land Court. Duncan may have bought the 705 Doane Road property as a retirement home. In 1926 the Ohio native was fifty-seven years old, single, and a well-to-do cotton manufacturer. He was the treasurer of Harmony Mills in Cohoes, New York, and in May 1914 had been elected president of the National Cotton Manufacturers Association. See “Duncan Chosen Head of Cotton Mill Men,” *Atlanta Constitution*, 1 May 1914; “Warns Cotton Trade,” *Washington Post*, 1 October 1914, 12, the latter of which mentions that he was treasurer of Harmony Mills. Both articles are accessible on ancestry.com. On Harmony Mills, see the Harmony Mills Historic District National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, 20 June 1998, which states that the company was sold to Draper Corporation of Hopedale, MA, in 1910, though the authors know of no connection between Duncan and Draper. The mill form is online at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nhl/themes/Scanned%20Nominations/Labor/harmony.pdf>.

⁴ BCD 440:587, 19 November 1926, in re: case 8939, memorandum in BCD 439:49.

⁵ Land Court Document 2220, Original Certificate of Title 1421, 19 November 1926.

⁶ Land Court Certificate of Title 1421, 19 November 1926, Book 6:171. The decree refers to Duncan’s petition “as amended showing certain rights of way and a revision of original line in the extreme southwest corner.” The authors have not been able to locate any amendment to Duncan’s petition. For the deed see George H. Chapin et

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The December 1920 map of Duncan's land refers to a deed (though not by book and page) for which it was drawn. Given that the boundaries match those of Duncan's Land Court maps, also drawn in December 1920, and given the references to E. E. Phillips in Duncan's land court title of November 1926, it seems safe to speculate that the deed in question is one to Duncan of 31 December 1920 from Phillips, of Provincetown and DeLand, Florida, and William H. and George B. Ware of Bourne, Massachusetts. Like Duncan, Phillips was an extensive speculator in Eastham lands. Between 1900 and 1916, he purchased numerous parcels in the Nauset section of town, including Eastham Land Company lots, and in 1915 he had developed the cottage colony Pilgrim Heights in Provincetown.⁷

Phillips's and the Wares' deed of 1920 conveys to Duncan more than twenty parcels, among them five that had earlier been deeded to Phillips by Sarah Paine Doane, the widow of Freeman Doane Jr., and Lydia Doane, the daughter of Isaac Doane.⁸ Isaac Doane, the elder of the two sons of Freeman Doane Sr., was born in 1805 and had died in 1884. His wife Phebe died in 1892. Freeman Doane Jr., born in 1807, died in 1877. He and his wife Sarah had no children. In 1901, Sarah Doane and Isaac's daughter Lydia, then sixty years old, sold a great deal of the land they had inherited from their husband and father, respectively.

The entire section of Eastham from the ocean on the east and Nauset Bay on the south to the intersection of Schoolhouse and Nauset roads on the northwest appears to have been owned by the descendants of John Doane (ca. 1590-1685), head of one of the first seven families to settle Eastham in 1644, well into the 1800s.⁹ Of ten property owners below east of Salt Pond and south of the Schoolhouse-Nauset Road intersection shown on the 1858 H. F. Walling map of Eastham, seven are Doanes.

Of these seven, the two closest to the ocean were F. Doane and I. Doane; according to the census they were the brothers Freeman and Isaac, for their father Freeman had died in 1852. The house labeled F. Doane, however, was probably their father's. In 1850 Freeman Doane Jr., then forty-seven, was living in his eighty-year-old father's household and farming; Isaac, also a farmer, was living in the household next enumerated. The Walling map shows

al. to Albert Greene Duncan, 6 May 1926, BCD 434:317. At least two George H. Chapins were involved with Eastham real estate. George Halliday Chapin, born about 1842 and listed as a real estate agent in Stoughton, Massachusetts in 1870, may have been one of the founders of Eastham Land Company, but he may also have been an agent hired by the company to market the lots. In 1873 and 1874, the years during which the company platted its subdivisions, Chapin sold ninety lots, in the next two years he sold ten, and between 1877 and 1896 he sold only twenty-six. Chapin's son, born 14 May 1879 in Watertown, MA, owned a great deal of land outside of the company's subdivisions, possibly inherited from his father. He was also a real estate broker. His son George H. Was born in 1910. The town of Eastham executed numerous tax takings of former Eastham Land Company lands owned by the Chapin family and its family trust from the 1930s through the 1960s.

⁷ Phillips advertised Pilgrim Heights lots and cottages in *Cape Cod Magazine* 3, 1 (May 1917).

⁸ Edwin E. Phillips et al. to Albert Greene Duncan, 31 December 1920, BCD 374:523.

⁹ Just south of Doane Road is "Enoch's Rock," or Doane's Rock, the largest exposed glacial boulder on Cape Cod. The feature is marked prominently on the 1858 Walling map southeast of the Freeman and Isaac Doane houses; near it is the Doane family memorial. "Enoch's field," which Sarah P. Doane deeded to Edwin E. Phillips in 1901 and Phillips conveyed to Duncan in 1920, probably included Enoch's Rock.

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Isaac Doane's household slightly south and east of Freeman's.

When Isaac Doane's daughter Lydia sold the property for seventy-five dollars to Edwin E. Phillips in 1901, the deed described it as containing twenty-six acres, and no buildings were mentioned. However, in 1839 when Isaac Doane (then a mariner) bought the property from Boston mariner Ezekiel D. Knowles, the property was four acres in size and included a dwelling house, a barn, and other outbuildings. The deed indicates that the house of Freeman Doane (probably the elder) stood in an adjacent field to the west of this twenty-six-acre tract, which tallies with its position on the 1858 Walling map.¹⁰ That both of these Doane houses stood in 1839 and 1858 is thus established, but whether they remained when Lydia Doane and Freeman Doane Jr.'s widow Sarah deeded their tracts to Edwin E. Phillips is not known.¹¹

The matter is further complicated by the altered alignment of Doane Road and the changing shoreline of Nauset Bay. Comparing the 1858 Walling map, the 1871 Walling map, and the 1890 United States Geological Survey map shows a radically different configuration of Nauset Bay, particularly along the northeast shore. In addition, both what are now Little Creek and Doane roads clearly had varying alignments over time and only gradually made their ways toward Nauset Bay, on the one hand, and Ocean View Drive, on the other. Both Walling maps show a road branching from Nauset Road southeasterly—and clearly toward the ocean—on which both the Freeman and Isaac Doane houses front; they are, like 705 Doane Road, on the north side of this road. Yet the 1890 Geological Survey map shows this road as taking a substantially more southerly path and to have reached Nauset Bay: it seems clearly to be what is now called Little Creek Road. Doane Road's current alignment had not yet appeared. The 1901 Cape Cod directory lists a "Doane Street" running from Main Street to Nauset Street parallel with the shore; if by shore Nauset Bay is supposed to have been indicated, one may assume that the first section of Doane Road did exist by that time. Oddly, though, the 1929 Cape directory did not list Doane Road among Eastham's streets.¹²

While ownership from either Isaac or Freeman Doane to Edwin Phillips to Albert Greene Duncan can only be conjectured, the parcel's ownership from Duncan to the current day is clear. By May 1928 Duncan had died, and among the three executors of his estate was the Boston widow Cora Duncan. Her relation to Albert Greene Duncan is unclear. It is worth noting, however, that in 1930 she and her Japanese domestic servant, Takashi Taya, lived in the

¹⁰ Lydia Doane to Edwin E Phillips, Eastham, 29 July 1901, BCD 251:561; Ezekiel D. Knowles to Isaac Doane, 1 November 1839, BCD 26:181.

¹¹ The Rev. Enoch Pratt mentioned the house of Freeman Doane Sr. in his 1844 history of Barnstable County: "In December, 1820, the ship Rolla, from Surinam, bound to Newburyport, with a cargo of molasses and thirteen thousand dollars in specie, was driven ashore on Nauset beach in the night. The vessel being old, was soon rendered a complete wreck, and all but three of her crew and passengers were lost. The survivors found their way to the house of Freeman Doane, where they were hospitably entertained ten days, without any compensation." See Pratt's *A Comprehensive History, Ecclesiastical and Civil, of Eastham, Wellfleet and Orleans, County of Barnstable, Mass. from 1644 to 1844* (Yarmouth, MA: W. S. Fisher and Co., 1844), 93.

¹² Henry F. Walling, comp., *Atlas of the Counties of Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket, Massachusetts* (Boston: Smith and Bumstead, 1858); H. F. Walling and O. W. Gray, comps., *Official Topographical Atlas of Massachusetts* (Boston: Stedman, Brown and Lyon, 1871); *Atlas of Massachusetts from Topographical Surveys made in Co-operation by the United States Geological Survey and the Commissioners of the Commonwealth, 1884-1888* (Boston: by the Commission, 1890). Both the 1871 atlas and the 1890 USGS atlas are available online in the David Rumsey Map Collection, <http://www.davidrumsey.com>. See also *Cape Cod Directory* (1901), and *Dunham's Cape Cod Massachusetts City Directory 1929* (N.p., 1929).

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same Brookline apartment house as Frederick N. Bushnell. According to the federal census that year Bushnell's family, composed of his wife, two children, maid, and cook, was one among five in the 1080 Beacon Street building, all with live-in domestic help.

In May 1928 Duncan's executors subdivided Lot B into three lots. Lot B3, the smallest of the three shown on the subdivision plan, includes the house now at 705 Doane Road. Bushnell's lot A borders it on the east and northeast; Lot B2 and small piece of both Chapin's and Blaney's land border on the southwest, west, and north; and Doane Road forms its southern border. In December 1929 the executors sold this 7.4-acre lot with its buildings to Anne B. Richardson, the wife of Frederick L. W. Richardson of Needham, Massachusetts. Frederick Richardson, an architect and then about fifty-three years old, was one of the sons of the architect Henry Hobson Richardson (1838-74). The elder Richardson's work, primarily on churches and public buildings, was so original and distinctive that an architectural style name, Richardsonian Romanesque, has been coined for it.¹³

The 705 Doane Road property remained in the Richardson family until 1948, when title was transferred to Charles E. Frazier of Wellfleet.¹⁴ Frazier owned the property only until mid-January of 1949, when he sold it to Arthur J. and Elizabeth R. Beardwood, about whom very little is known.¹⁵ The present owner, William J. Norris, has stated that Arthur Beardwood may have had plans to develop the property into a cottage colony; another account refers to 705 Doane Road as the Beardwood house and inn during that family's tenure.¹⁶ The Beardwoods divided the parcel into two unequally sized lots on 16 April 1968, and about a year later Arthur Beardwood died.¹⁷ On 24 May 1972 his widow quitclaimed the property to William J. and Beverly M. Norris. William Norris, a captain in the U.S. Navy, was

¹³ State Street Trust Company, Boston, Phillips Ketchum and Cora Duncan to Anne B Richardson, 23 December 1929, Document 4788, Land Court Certificate No. 1421. The certificate of title also conveyed to Richardson Lot C-1. See also "Subdivision of Lot B Shown on Plan 8939A Filed with Cert. Of Title No. 1741 . . . May 15, 1928," Map 8939-C. On the Richardsons, see the 1930 Needham census, which lists Frederick L. W. as an architect, age 54, his wife Anne B., their seven children from ages 8 to 26, and six domestics, and the 1880 Brookline census, which lists Henry H. Richardson, architect born Louisiana, his wife Julia G., born in Massachusetts, their six children (including Frederick L. W., age 3), and five servants. See *Columbia Encyclopedia*, s.v. "Richardson, Henry Hobson," which indicates that he was born in Louisiana, moved to Brookline in 1874, and died there in 1886.

¹⁴ Transfer Certificate of Title Document 4922, Certificate #2279, 27 March 1930; Document 16,983 #7520, 24 August 1945; Document 16,984, #7521, 24 August 1945; Document 10,498, #9150, 11 September 1947; Document 21,973, #9713, 22 June 1948.

¹⁵ Transfer Certificate of Title Document 23,410, Certificate #10263, 17 January 1949. The only Arthur Beardwood in any twentieth-century is a thirty-three year old weaver in Fall River, MA, in 1910 with only one child, a two-year-old girl. A Rhode Island death record exists for a four-day-old boy, Donald B. Beardwood, born 14 March 1929 to Arthur J. and Elizabeth F. Beardwood, no doubt this couple, but they are not indexed in the 1930 Rhode Island federal census. William J. Norris, interview with Kathryn Grover, 7 April 2005 and Norris, 705 Doane Road house history, photocopy.

¹⁶ Norris interview; "Information Collected by Charles Deane from Nan Howes for Eastham Historical Commission in 1995," Eastham Historical Society Archives, Eastham Public Library.

¹⁷ "Subdivision Plan of Land in Eastham . . . December 1967 . . . Subdivision of Lot B3 Shown on Plan 8939C Filed with Cert. Of Title No. 1778 Registry District of Barnstable County, April 16, 1968"; Arthur Beardwood's date of death is derived from the Social Security Death Index, available online from Ancestry.com.

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then stationed at the Boston Naval Shipyard.¹⁸

Norris, a 1949 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, bought the house largely because his wife, Beverly Mason Norris, was a native of Worcester, Massachusetts, and “had always had a feeling for the Cape.”¹⁹ In 1975 he retired from active duty. The couple aimed to research and restore the house, a plan cut short by Beverly Norris’s death in 1984.

The perimeter plan of the house shown on the two December 1920 plans registered in Barnstable County Land Court is essentially the same as that of the house on the site today, the only difference being that its original garage projected westward from the main block. According to Norris, it was a 22-by-27-foot structure containing a coal bin, bookshelves, and storage. In 1947 the garage was moved across Doane Road to become part of a house then being constructed. A new, one-car garage was built on the same footprint. A comparison of the December 1967 subdivision of Lot B3 with the four earlier plans that show the footprint of 705 Doane Road house illustrates this modification.²⁰

The oldest part of the dwelling, the northward-projecting ell, has been adapted for use as bedrooms. Its hewn beams, joined with mortise-and-tenon joints and wooden peg fasteners, square nails, and wide, random-width floorboards attest to its early 19th-century vintage. The construction date of the addition facing Doane Road has been established from the discovery of a written statement on the backside of paneling in the living room, which reads, “Blizzard today. Declared war on Germany. April 1917.” According to Nan Howes of Eastham, local builder Harvey Moore built this part of the house in the early 1920s. Moore was particularly active along Ocean View Drive and Doane Road throughout this period and is perhaps best known for having built Henry Beston’s “Outermost House.”²¹

¹⁸ Elizabeth R. Beardwood to William J. and Beverly M. Norris, Quitclaim Deed 160341, Land Court Certificate 54864; see also BCD 6810:260.

¹⁹ Norris interview.

²⁰ “Subdivision Plan of Land in Eastham . . . December 1967,” 8939-Q; “Plan of Land in Eastham . . . Dec. 1920,” 8939-A Sheet 1; “Plan of Land in Eastham . . . December 1920,” BCP 8:111; “Plan of Land in Eastham, Mass. as Surveyed for Albert Greene Duncan . . . Feb. 1923,” BCP 10-65; “Subdivision of Lot B . . . May 15, 1929,” 8939-C.

²¹ Norris, house history; “Information . . . from Nan Howes”; the Outermost House Web site, <http://outermost.tripod.com/richards.htm>.

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View from southwest showing portion of house built c. 1917



View from northwest showing portion of house dating to early 19th-century

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Historic photographs of house in owner's possession